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Woman Charged With Beverly Hills DUI Crash That Killed Two

A 30-year-old woman faces DUI and manslaughter charges for a crash in Beverly Hills that killed two of her passengers and injured three others, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Taisha Warie Welch (dob 11/14/87) of Los Angeles faces two felony counts of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and one felony count each of driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage causing injury and driving with a .08 percent blood alcohol content causing injury.

Case SA097934 also charges Welch with one misdemeanor count of driving when privilege suspended or revoked and includes allegations that the defendant caused great bodily injury and there was more than one victim.

Arraignment is scheduled today in Department W30 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Airport Branch.

On April 27, Welch was allegedly driving under the influence when she lost control of the vehicle causing a rollover crash near Wilshire Boulevard and Santa Monica Boulevard, prosecutors said. Two of the passengers, Denesha Stewart, 24, and Jenetta Williams, 30, were killed, according to the criminal complaint.

Three other passengers were injured in the crash, two of them suffering great bodily injury, prosecutors said.

Welch faces a possible maximum sentence of 16 years and six months in state prison if convicted as charged. Prosecutors will be requesting bail be set at \$460,000.

The case remains under investigation by the Beverly Hills Police Department.

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